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Dickerson Collins House
Abell
Private

last quarter of the
19th century

This two story frame house was first built and owned by white farming families, and was later purchased by KDickerson Collins, a black farmer. The design of this I house, with a central hallway flanked by two rooms downstairs and upstairs, is commonly found among the homes of white and black landowners of the middle class.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Dickerson Collins Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of the Abell-Breezy Point Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Abell

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

St. Mary's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dickerson Collins

Telephone #: 301-769-3732

STREET & NUMBER

Abell-Breezy Point Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Abell

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. St. Mary's County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

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Liber #: 38

Folio #: 217

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtown

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story frame faces eastward toward the Abell-Breezy Point Rd. Its facade is three bays in length, with the front door centrally located and flanked by two windows. An L extends from the south west corner. Like many other farm houses of ordinary landowners, this one consists of a central hallway with two rooms flanking it upstairs and downstairs in the principal block. Behind the house are several outbuildings which are now used for storage, the purposes for which they were originally built no being needed.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1890 - 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is now owned and occupied by Dickerson Collins, a black landowner and farmer. According to him, the house was built in the last years of the 19th century. It was originally the home of white landowning families. His was the first black family to occupy it.

Dickerson is the son of Robert H. Collins, whose birthplace and whose house has been recorded in this survey, and of the daughter of John Dickerson, a prominent black landowner in Abell whose house was also recorded. Dickerson was given the maiden name of his mother.

This house represents the similarity in housing among landowners of both races of ordinary means.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Md.

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38° 15' 000 FEET (MD.) 4234000m N.

Back Creek

St Patrick Cr

Coltons Point

Dukeharts Channel

ST CLEMENTS BAY

Long Pt

Newtown Neck

Blue

Keywood Pt

Tidal Flat

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Dickerson Collins House

Pleasant Plains Way, off Breezy Point Road, Absecon

St. Clements Island quad, 1968, PR 1973

Light

Heron Island Bar

St Clements Island

Martin

Stone Cross

12' 30" 4230

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Dickerson Collins House

Pleasant Plains Way, off Breezy Point Road, Abeyl
St. Clements Island quad, 1968, PR 1973



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Dickerson Collins Farm House

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Abell, Md.

East facade

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Dickerson Collins Farm House

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Abell, Md.

West facade

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